

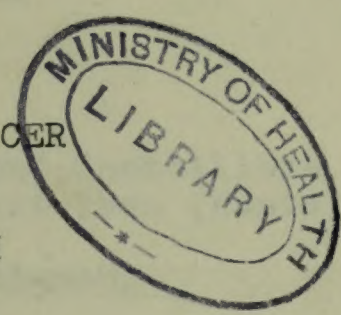
Library

ANNUAL REPORT
BOROUGH OF ST. IVES (HUNTS)

=====

ANNUAL REPORT

OF
MEDICAL OFFICER
OF HEALTH



AND
SANITARY INSPECTOR
FOR 1952

=====

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOROUGH OF SAINT IVES (HUNTS)
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
31st DECEMBER, 1952

To:-

The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the Borough of Saint Ives (Hunts)

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my third
Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary
Conditions of the Borough.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

M.M. MARKHAM,

M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.T.M.

Medical Officer of Health

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS

Medical Officer of Health -

M.M.MARKHAM, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.T.M.

Sanitary Inspector -

G.G.YEANDLE, M.R.S.I.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area	...	...	...	...	...	2,326 acres.
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	£20,546
Value of Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	£80
Number of inhabited houses (approx.)	...	...	...	...	...	1,078
Population	...	...	...	...	...	3,250

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS	M.	F.	Total		
Legitimate	31	23	54	Birth-rate per 1,000	
Illegitimate	2	2	4	estimated population	17.8
	—	—	—	(Ditto for England	
Total	33	25	58	and Wales) ...	15.3
	—	—	—		

STILL BIRTHS	M.	F.	Total		
Legitimate	1	0	1	Rate per 1,000 esti-	
Illegitimate	0	0	0	mated population ...	0.31
	—	—	—	(Ditto for England	
Total	1	0	1	and Wales) ...	0.35
	—	—	—		

DEATHS					
(all ages)	14	15	29	Death-rate per 1,000	
				estimated population	8.9
				(Ditto for England	
				and Wales) ...	11.3

Deaths of Infants under 1 year	M.	F.	Total
Legitimate
Illegitimate
Total

Death-rates of Infants under 1 year

All infants per 1,000 live births	...	...	17.2
(Ditto for England and Wales)	...	...	27.6
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	18.5
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...	0

CAUSES OF DEATH

(Registrar-General's List)

List No.	Cause	M.	F.
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	0	0
2	Tuberculosis, other	0	0
3	Syphilitic	0	0
4	Diphtheria	0	0
5	Whooping Cough	0	0
6	Meningococcal infections	0	0
7	Acute poliomyelitis	0	0
8	Measles	0	0
9	Other infective and parasitic diseases	0	0
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	0
11	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	0	0
12	Malignant neoplasm, breast	0	0
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	0	0
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	0	1
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	0	0
16	Diabetes	0	0
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	2	2
18	Coronary disease, angina	3	3
19	Hypertension with heart disease	0	0
20	Other heart disease	0	4
21	Other circulatory disease	1	0
22	Influenza	0	0
23	Pneumonia	0	0
24	Bronchitis	0	0
25	Other disease of respiratory system	0	0
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	0
27	Gastritis, enteritis, and diarrhoea	0	1
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	1	0
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	0	0
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	0	0
31	Congenital malformations	0	0
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	3	3
33	Motor vehicle accidents	1	0
34	All other accidents	1	1
35	Suicide	0	0
36	Homicide and operations of war	0	0
TOTAL FROM ALL CAUSES		14	15

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

FOR THE AREA

(a) LABORATORY FACILITIES

The following laboratory facilities have been available in this Authority and to General Practitioners in the Area:-
 Public Health Laboratory Service, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge. Tel.: Cambridge 55526.
 Public Analyst, S. Greenburgh, Ph.D., B.Sc., F.I.C., Tenison Road, Cambridge. Tel.: Cambridge 2097.

(b) AMBULANCE SERVICES

(i) Ambulances administered by the County Ambulance Service operating in conjunction with the County Fire Service have been available on doctors' orders. Tel.: Huntingdon 348.

(ii) An ambulance stationed at Huntingdon Isolation Hospital has been available for cases of infectious disease. Tel.: Huntingdon 59.

(c) HOME NURSING

A nurse-midwife, resident in St. Ives (Tel.: St. Ives 2228), employed and supervised by the Huntingdon County Council, carried out Home Nursing and attended Maternity Cases in the Borough.

(d) CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES

(1) The following Health Services are provided by the Huntingdon County Council:-

Clinic	Patients seen	When held	Where held
Minor Ailments	Schoolchildren	3rd Friday in month 10.30-11.30 a.m.	Health Clinic, Station Approach St. Ives.
Infant Welfare	Children (0-5yrs.)	Every Friday. 2-4 p.m.	Ditto.
Dental	Pre-school and schoolchildren	3rd Friday in month 10 a.m.-12 noon	Ditto
	Pre-natal and nursing mothers.	2-3.30 p.m. Every Wednesday (ex- cept 2nd in month) and every Saturday. 10 a.m.-12 noon (By appointment)	Dental Clinic, Princes Street, Huntingdon.

(ii) The following Health Services are now the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board, but are administered on an agency basis by the Huntingdon County Council:-

Clinic	Patients seen	When held	Where held
Ophthalmic	Pre-school and schoolchildren	1st and 3rd Fridays in month (by appointment except in emergency). 10 a.m.- 12 noon. 2 p.m.- 4 p.m.	Old Grammar School, Huntingdon.
Orthopaedic	Ditto	2nd and 4th Tuesdays in month (Surgeons by appointment). 10 a.m.- 12 noon.	Ditto

(iii) The following Health Services are now provided by the Regional Hospital Board:-

Clinic	Patients seen	When held	Where held
Chest	All ages	Every Thursday. 10 a.m.-12 noon.	County Hospital, Huntingdon.
Venereal Diseases	All cases	Mondays, 3-7 p.m. Wednesdays, 4-6.30 p.m. Males: Mondays, 5.30 p.m. Thursdays, 5.30 p.m. Females: Wednesdays, 5.30 p.m. Fridays, 10.30 a.m.	Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge. 28 Fitzwilliam Street, Peterborough.

Medical, Surgical, Orthopaedic, Paediatric, Skin, Obstetrical, Gynaecological and Dental Out-Patients' Clinics are held at Huntingdon County Hospital and Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, to which General Practitioners can refer their patients for specialist investigation.

(e) HOSPITAL SERVICES

Under the National Health Service Act, 1946, all hospitals in the area came under the control of the Regional Hospital Board.

FEVER.- Huntingdon Isolation Hospital provided facilities for the investigation and treatment of infectious diseases.

GENERAL HOSPITAL SERVICES are provided by the County Hospital, Huntingdon, and Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.

MATERNITY CASES can be admitted to Paxton Park Maternity Home, St. Neots. Admissions are arranged by the County Medical Officer.

SANITARY CONDITIONS

1 (I) WATER.- The Chesterton and St. Ives Joint Water Board has continued to supply the Borough area, the water being purchased in bulk, as in recent years difficulties have been experienced in maintaining sufficient pressure to serve the higher parts of the town, particularly in the summer, but it is understood the Board is making every effort to augment the existing sources, with a view to improving the situation. The Board treat the water at source by chlorination and dechlorination.

The total consumption during the year was 39,864,000 gallons which is an increase of 2,086,000 gallons on the previous year.

Eighty-six samples were taken in the district during the year and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Cambridge, for examination and report, two of these were found to be unsatisfactory and traced to faulty taps and corrected.

The total rainfall for the year was 22.61 inches, which is slightly above the average for the district, but 2.50 inches less than the previous year; no shortage was experienced where private supplies remain in use.

Name of Town, Village, or Parish	Source of Supply:- Public Supply, Wells, etc.	Sufficiency or Otherwise	Quality of Water	Analysis of Individual Supplies:- Satisfactory, Unsatisfactory, or none
St. Ives	Purchased in bulk from Chesterton and St. Ives Joint Water Board.	Satisfactory.	Satisfactory.	84 analyses were satisfactory from the Public supply. 2 analyses were unsatisfactory from the same supply and were corrected.

Number of such Analyses	Estimated Number of Dwellings Supplied			Estimated Population Supplied		
	Direct from Main Supply:	By Stand-pipes:	By Public or Private Wells:	Direct from Main Supply:	By Stand-pipes:	By Public or Private Wells:
86	1,007	46	25	3,037	138	75

(2) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.- No works other than general maintenance have been carried out during the year.

The question of the provision of a new Sewerage Scheme was once again considered by the Council, both for the whole Borough area, and also a part Scheme, but while the costs of works of this nature remain high and there are no Government grants which would assist in making a Scheme possible, the Council has once again reluctantly been obliged to defer the matter.

2 RIVERS AND STREAMS.- As stated elsewhere the rainfall was only slightly above the average for the district, and in consequence no serious flooding occurred during the year.

Apart from maintenance on minor ditches a section of the Main Dyke which takes the discharge from a large section of the town was cleared by dragline, and this materially assists in preventing town flooding.

The Great Ouse River Board, who control the main river, carried out the usual weedcutting and certain dredging works below the town, all of which assist in preventing flooding.

3 (1) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.- With the exception of those properties outside the limits of the existing sewerage system all were connected to the existing sewers.

The Council continue to arrange for the collection and disposal of night soil, no complaints were received during the year.

(2) PUBLIC CLEANSING.- The collection of House Refuse and its disposal has been carried out by arrangement with the St. Ives Rural District Council, who have provided the vehicle, driver and tip, the Borough supplying the loaders. Once again it has been possible to cover the area in one day owing to the fact that only kerbside collection is provided, but it is apparent that when the new Housing Scheme is completed two vehicles will be required unless the collection extends to two days.

Salvage has been discontinued owing to the fact that the normal materials collected are not in short supply at the moment.

4 SHOPS AND OFFICES.- No complaints were received during the year, minor improvements were carried out as required.

5 CAMPING SITES.- No applications were received during the year and no licences for camping sites have been issued in the Borough.

6 SMOKE ABATEMENT.- No smoke nuisances were observed and no complaints received during the year.

7 SWIMMING BATHS.- Consideration was once again given to the opening of the existing Swimming Pool, but as in the previous year, owing to the fact that the river water which flows through the pool was unsuitable for bathing purposes without treatment, the Council had no alternative but to keep the bath closed.

8 ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.- No complaints of infestation were received and no cases of infestation were found during inspections.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) MILK SUPPLY.- The milk which is retailed in the area and delivered in bottles is chiefly produced in the St. Ives Rural District, in the main it is Pasteurised.

(b) MEAT.- The Ministry of Food continue to occupy the Borough Slaughterhouse, and the inspection of meat is carried out by Officials appointed and under the jurisdiction of the Huntingdonshire County Council.

In addition, the bye-laws made under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938, which relate to the handling, wrapping and delivery of food and the sale of food in the open air are administered by the County Council.

(c) BAKEHOUSES.- There are three registered bakehouses in the Borough which have been maintained in a satisfactory manner throughout the year.

INSPECTIONS UNDER THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6	10	21	Nil	Nil
(2) Section 7	32	38	Nil	Nil
Total	42	59	Nil	Nil

Defect	Number of cases in which defects were found			
	Found	Remedied	Referred	
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector
Want of Cleanliness	-	-	-	-
Insufficient Sanitary Accommodation	1	1	-	1
Other Offences	-	-	-	-
Total	1	1	-	1

HOUSING

1 INSPECTION OF DWELLING-HOUSES DURING THE YEAR:-

(I)	(a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	176
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	181
(2)	(a)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (I) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	27
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	28
(3)		Number of dwelling-houses found to be in state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	0
(4)		Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	19

2 REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES:-

		Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	13
--	--	--	----

3 ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR:-

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:-

(I)		Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ...	0
(2)		Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-	
	(a)	By owners	0
	(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners	0

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

(I)		Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	0
(2)		Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-	
	(a)	By owners	0
	(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners	0

- (c) Proceedings under Sections II and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:-
- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which demolition orders were made 0
 - (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders 0
- (d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:-
- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made 0
 - (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit 0

4 HOUSING ACT, 1936. - PART IV. - OVERCROWDING:-

- (a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year 0
- (ii) Number of families dwelling therein 0
- (iii) Number of persons dwelling therein 0
- (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year 0
- (c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year 0
- (ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases 0
- (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding 0
- (e) The Council is proceeding with the erection of council houses as rapidly as possible. There are approximately 235 applicants for council houses at present.

Number of new houses erected and number of new dwellings provided by adaptation during 1952:-

New Houses by		By Adaptation	
Local Authority	Private Enterprise	Local Authority	Private Enterprise
18	1	None	None

CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

								Total Cases Notified
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Acute Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Typhoid Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0

TUBERCULOSIS

Total number on register at 31st December 1952: 23

Pulmonary: 18 Non-Pulmonary: 5

Age Periods				New Cases				Deaths			
				Respiratory		Non-Res.		Respiratory		Non-Res.	
				M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
25	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
35	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
45	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
55	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
65 and upwards	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals				2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

No action was found to be necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, in connection with persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis employed in the milk trade, or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936, which deals with the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from tuberculosis.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Age at Date of final injection (as regards A) or of reinforcing injection (as regards B).

AGE at 31.12.52 (as regards C).

	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5 to 9	10 to 14	Total
A. Number of Children who completed a full course of Primary Immunisation during the year ended 31st December, 1952	23	22	3	-	2	14	6	70
L. Number of Children who received a Secondary (Reinforcing) Injection (i.e. subsequently to primary immunisation at an earlier age) during the year ended 31st December, 1952	-	-	-	-	3	7	10	20
C. Number of Children at 31st December, 1952, who had completed a course of Immunisation at any time before that date (i.e. at any time since 1st January, 1938)	3	43	32	48	41	197	201	565

